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SUBJECT: TWO VERSIONS OF TITO'S SARAJEVO SPEECH

- 1. YUGOSLAV RADIO HAS BROADCAST TWO SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF TITO'S APRIL 15 REMARKS AT SARAJEVO. THE VOICE RECORDING BROADCAST BY BELGRADE DOMESTIC SERVICE 2110 GMT APRIL 15 OMITS -- AMONG OTHERS -- TWO RATHER SENSITIVE PASSAGES CARRIED IN THE QUOTE AUTHORIZED UNQUOTE VERSION BROADCAST BY BELGRADE'S TANJUG DOMESTIC SERVICE 2112 GMT OF THE SAME DAY AND REPEATED BY TANJUG'S ENGLISH SERVICE OF 2140 GMT.
- 2. THE AUTHORIZED VERSION QUOTES TITO AS HAVING SAID WITH RESPECT TO ITALIAN AND NATO PRESSURES, BEGIN QUOTE THEY HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS SET UP THERE, AROUND OUR BORDERS. THEY HAVE THEIR LAUNCHING PADS THERE, AIMED AT YUGOSLAVIA. CONFIDENTIAL

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THEY SAY THEY ARE AIMED AT THE SOVIET UNION

OVER OUR HEADS. HENCE, WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS EVEN IF AT THE SAME TIME WE WANT EVERYTHING TO GO AS WELL AS POSSIBLE. END QUOTE. A PARAGRAPH LATER THE AUTHORIZED VERSION INSERTS THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE BETWEEN TWO INNOCUOUS SENTENCES IN THE TITO VOICE VERSION. BEGIN QUOTE FOR INSTANCE, THERE ARE ALSO SOME CALCULATIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION HERE. THEY TRY TO FRIGHTEN US WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND CONSTANTLY TALK ABOUT A GREAT DANGER THREATENING

US FROM THAT SIDE. I KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT WE DO NOT NEED TO FEAR THE SOVIET UNION. AS FAR BACK AS THE TIME OF THE WAR SOVIET TROOPS HAVE BEEN IN HUNGARY. AND WHEN WE WERE IN THE MOST DIFFICULT SITUATION, IN OUR QUARRELS WITH STALIN, WHEN STALIN THREATENED US WITH TROOPS, WE WERE NOT AFRAID. WE WERE PREPARING OURSELVES IN THE NECESSARY MANNER, AND IN CASE OF NEED WE WOULD HAVE DEFENDED OURSELVES. NOW WE HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF FOREIGN TRADE WITH IT. WE HAVE VERY GOOD RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY. WE ALSO MAINTAIN TRADE AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND WE DO NOT NEED TO FEAR ANYTHING FROM THAT SIDE. END QUOTE.

3. NEITHER PASSAGE APPEARS IN RECORDED VOICE VERSION WHICH APPARENTLY CARRIED SPEECH IN ENTIRETY. CAN EMBASSY CLARIFY AND COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANCE OF APPARENT TANJUG ADDITIONS? FBIS IS ALSO CHECKING. KISSINGER

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